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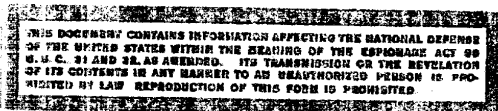
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On 2 February 1953, the Soviet Control Commission gave Otto Grotewohl an unofficial directive to discontinue immediately all measures which could cause a further sharpening of international tensions and a deterioration of the political situation in Germany. The SCC also urged that the issuance of new identity cards and the announcement of travel restrictions be postponed, stating that the most important mission of the East German Government was to gain time. The SCC, therefore, requested no strengthening of the economic boycott against West Germany and other western countries, since East Germany needed western imports which could not be manufactured by the USSR and the People's Democracies. The Ministry of the Interior expected new directives from the SCC by the end of March.

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